

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Stephen G. Preas on the celebration of his sixtieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen G. Preas will celebrate his sixtieth birthday on May 30, 2007, only one month later than the birthday of his lifelong friend, Senator Rusty Crowe; it's a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. William "Bill" Preas, Stephen Preas was raised in Johnson City, Tennessee, and attended Medical School at the University of Tennessee in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Preas continues to serve with acumen and integrity as a board-certified psychiatrist, licensed in both Georgia and Tennessee, where he has earned the respect of his peers and patients alike for the compassionate quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Preas has served Mental Health Management in the Department of Corrections for the last eight years and, in 2006, he branched out to serve nursing homes in middle Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a respected member of several professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, and Christian Medical Dental Association, Dr. Preas is also the author of a self-help video published in 1996 entitled *Self and Self-Esteem: Is There a Hole in Your Bucket?*; and

WHEREAS, his other admirable contributions include serving as a general psychiatrist for twenty years in the Atlanta area, Chief of Staff of Parkwood Hospital, and President of the Georgia Society for Adolescent Psychiatry and Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association; and

WHEREAS, he was also an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Emory University for twenty years and is an Emeritus member of the Saint Joseph's Hospital Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, deservingly Dr. Preas has received numerous awards and recognitions, such as the Psychiatrist of the Year award by the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association in 2000, receiving the Medal of Fellowship from the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in 2003, and elevation to Distinguished Fellow by the APA in 2004; and

WHEREAS, this loving father of daughter, Maurene and step-children, Kameron and Kory, and doting husband to Sandy is admired for his sense of humor and is known for making this following statement before a group: "The goal of my life is to help more people. I've told my wife to engrave my tombstone with, 'I hope this is helping someone'; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize a native Tennessean, an outstanding physician, father, husband, friend, and citizen on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Stephen G. Preas on the celebration of his sixtieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.